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Ref: DOIA-REQ-0030835-Spencer Jones

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Tēnā koe Spencer

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I request records from 1 January 2010 to present of any:

1. *Research funding, grants, or contracts that include reference to:*
 - *geoengineering*
 - *Solar Radiation Management (SRM)*
 - *Marine Cloud Brightening (MCB)*
 - *aerosol-based climate intervention*
 - *cloud seeding or cloud modification*
2. *Funded projects involving:*
 - *NIWA / Earth Sciences New Zealand*
 - *universities*
 - *international collaborations*
3. *Procurement records or Statements of Work referencing:*
 - *atmospheric intervention*
 - *aerosol injection*
 - *cloud reflectivity or albedo modification*
4. *Correspondence relating to consideration, approval, or rejection of such funding.*

If no such funding or contracts exist, please confirm that MBIE holds no records of funding or procurement in this area.

Records of research funding by MBIE on the topics listed in parts one and two of your request are publicly available on the MBIE website. The Who Got Funded webpage lists all the grants for scientific research and associated activities funded by MBIE. MBIE is therefore refusing parts one and two your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available at the following link:

- Who Got Funded: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/investment-funds/who-got-funded>

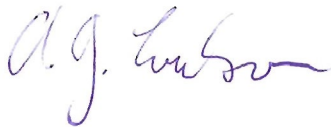
For further information about a particular project, we invite you to follow up with the contract holder.

We are unable to provide any records or correspondence in scope of parts three and four of your request. Doing so necessitates a manual search through a large quantity of information to identify any such records, and then to identify any associated correspondence, which would unreasonably interfere with our operations. MBIE is therefore refusing part three and four of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. J. Coulson'.

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